

## Lectures Planned By Council P-TA

Torrance Council P-TA has announced a new series of four weekly lectures in conjunction with Adult School of Education to be given by Dr. Robert Bartlett Haas on Wednesday mornings, 9:15 to 10:45, beginning January 20 at the Fern Avenue School Cafeteria, 1314 Fern Avenue, Torrance.

Dr. Haas, who is head of Education Extension at University of California at Los Angeles, will speak on the following subjects:

January 20—"What's Hard About Growing Up in a Democracy?"

January 27—"What Parents Think About Education Today."

February 3—"Resolving Family Conflicts."

February 10—"Helping Children to Learn."

**Audience Participation**  
In presenting his material, Dr. Haas will use the new audience-participation technique of role-playing which is proving highly interesting and educational. He has just completed a new film produced by the Department of Theatre Arts of UCLA, entitled "Role-playing in Guidance," which is based on one of his writings.

**Authority**  
Dr. Haas has a wealth of experience in teaching and writing in the fields of education and American literature. During the school year 1952-53 he was United States Exchange Specialist to the City of Bremen, Germany, where he lectured and carried out community work in the German language. Working with German educational leaders he developed the first teacher training for Bremen's teachers of adults. The State Department evaluated him as "the most successful visiting consultant sent to Bremen. Last week Dr. Haas announced some 60 courses to be offered teachers in the Torrance and Greater Los Angeles area starting in February.

Besides his professional interests, Dr. Haas is an authority on ancient musical instruments such as the clavichord, harpsichord, dulcimer, hurdy-gurdy and medieval organ, all of which he plays.

The public is cordially invited to attend these lectures.

## PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS

Mrs. James McMillen, president of 186th Street P-TA entertained the executive board at her home December 29. Games were played, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Attending were Mesdames

## P-T A Holds Dad's Night

"Father's Night" was held under the sponsorship of the Halldale Ave. School P-TA just recently at the Halldale Ave. School, with all the fathers receiving a hearty welcome from the P-TA president, Mrs. E. E. Salcido.

Entertainment was offered by the mother singers with a medley of Christmas songs, with Mrs. Patricia Gros, at the piano. These songs, offered as a beautiful background to a special reading of the Christmas Story, found in the Gospel of St. Luke, as read by Mrs. John Blackmon. A special treat was had by those present, as they were favored with the sacred song "Holy City," sung by John R. Blackmon and "As I Watched Beside My Sheep," sung by Norma Condon.

Mrs. Amanda Donwell, principal of the Halldale Ave. School, introduced the teachers from Halldale Ave. School. Refreshments were served after the meeting. The program was under the direction of Mrs. John Blackmon, with the music led by Mrs. Ruth Adams.

Announcements were made by Mrs. E. E. Salcido concerning Adult Evening classes held every Thursday 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Banning High.

The Halldale Ave. School P-TA will participate in a paper-rag-rag drive beginning mid-January, of which all proceeds will go to the student fund to buy instruments for the school orchestra.

## Accordanetts Give Yule Performance

Members of the Torrance Accordanetts under the direction of Betty Thomas, spent the holidays entertaining for Christmas programs sponsored by the following groups: The Torrance Business Women's club on December 9, the Masonic lodge in Redondo Beach on December 15, the Moose lodge on December 20, and the American Legion in Redondo Beach on December 20, the party sponsored by the Shell Chemical Co. on December 21 and the Rotary club of Gardena at the Western Avenue golf club on December 21.

The theme of the program was Santa Claus workshop presenting the rhythm band singers, dancers and music by the all Accordanett Band.

James McMillen, Donald Meredith, C. H. Bennett, R. J. Parker, Ronald Powell, J. T. Evans, Jr., W. C. Attebery, W. S. Stewart, and B. B. Burrus.

Mrs. B. H. Cothran, chairman, reported a very successful pot luck luncheon held during

## Employees At Harbor General Elect Officers

Officers recently elected to head the Harbor General Hospital Chapter of the Los Angeles County Employees Association are: Duncan Wright, chairman; Betty Henning, vice-chairman; Mary Callison, secretary; Archie Wheeler, Harold A. Kaufman, Eileen O'Brien, employe relations; Eddie De Gutes, treasurer; Arthur Cribbles, Barbara Wight, Margaret Geeter, nominating committee.

Representatives from the various divisions are as follows: Claude D. Ammons, medical division; Mamie Peoples, registrar-library; John Battersby, Corrine Thornton, Morris Lipschitz, culinary; Robert E. Scott, maintenance; Helen Bromwell, Marjorie Stoddard, Mary Judge, Miriam Pearce, Carol Bandolin, nursing; Ted Nash, transportation; Eileen O'Brien, administration; Ronald Moore, L. Hall, general services.

## Harbor City School Plans Paper Drive

A paper and rag drive will be conducted by the Harbor City P-TA, Wednesday morning, January 12, at the school. A movie will be the reward for each child bringing in newspapers, magazines or rags. Anyone desiring to have papers picked up, please contact one of the following ladies before the day of the drive, as they will all be at the school assisting. Mrs. Bob Coleman, DA-6-3113; Mrs. Charles Hilzer, DA-6-2343; or Mrs. Troy Collum, DA-6-5291.

Proceeds from this paper and rag drive will be divided equally between the student body and the P-TA. The P-TA is endeavoring to save enough money to purchase their own mimeograph machine.

## Young Matrons Slate Meeting

The Young Matrons Society of the First Christian Church will meet with Mrs. Naomi Morgan, 2707 Sonoma, Tuesday, January 12 at 8 p.m.

**THE LESS** of government the better, if society be kept in peace and prosperity.—Chan-

December.  
At the Christmas party for 186th Street school children, homemade cookies, provided by room mothers, ice cream, chocolate Santas and balloons were enjoyed by the children.

## Fireladies Make Plans

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Torrance Fireman's Association held its regular monthly meeting Monday, January 4, at McMaster Hall.

Newly-elected president, Lavonia Russell, presided, as plans for the new year were made and the by-laws were revised.

The group enjoyed a talk on the history and growth of Torrance given by Mrs. Dorothy Jamison, local librarian.

Guests included Mesdames Ray Holloman, Ernest Katyorke, Stanley Sellers, Alvin Stratton, and Robert Ward.

Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Louise Lamb and Jean Mass.

## GROUP PLANS VALENTINE'S DANCE FEB. 13

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital met this week to discuss plans for the Annual Valentine's Dance to be held this year on February 13 at the Hollywood Riviera Club House.

There will be a \$500 treasure chest door prize. Proceeds from the dance will be donated to the hospital and are earmarked for equipment for the new wing. Tickets may be purchased from any auxiliary member or by calling FAirfax 8-7012.

The spearheading committee consists of Mrs. John Melville, president; Mrs. M. Howard, ticket chairman; Mrs. John Shidler, publicity, and Mrs. John Beeman, ways and means.

## Baptist Church To Hear Quartet, Sunday Night

The Sunday evening service at the First Baptist Church of Welteria will be highlighted by the guest appearance of the Talbot Theological Seminary from Los Angeles. This service begins at 7:30 p.m. and the public is cordially invited. The church is located at the corner of Park and Newton Streets in Welteria. Members of the quartet are Bob Kliever, bass; Jim McClellan, baritone; Leonard Hillstrom, second tenor; and Ervin Jenkins, top tenor, all of whom are students at the Talbot Theological Seminary. Mrs. Lillian Kliever is their accompanist.

Other regular Sunday services are Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Christian Worship at 11 a.m., and Baptist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Supervised nursery care for younger children is provided during the morning worship service.

## KIDS MAKE ROUNDS OF SERVICES

The upper grades plus the Teen Agers of the Sunday School of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center, attended services at the Wilshire Temple, Saturday morning, January 2.

This is the first step in the plan to educate the children to all forms of religions. They will subsequently attend Conservative and Orthodox Services, Catholic, Protestant and Adventist churches in an effort to teach respect and tolerance for all religions.

Anyone interested and needing transportation, contact Marian Ross, 14926 Doty, Hawthorne.

## OES Initiates

Torrance Chapter No. 380, O.E.S., will hold its regular meeting tonight, January 7, in the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori avenue, beginning at 8 o'clock. Worthy Marton Florence Viellenave and Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave will preside. A class of six candidates will be initiated, and this is of interest to all of the members, as it is the first initiation for the new corps of officers. Rollie Bever is chairman of the social hour which follows the meeting. All members of the Chapter and visiting members of the Order are cordially invited.

## Evangelist Speaks Here

Dr. Harry Vom Bruch, noted evangelist, who has been speaking nightly at the First Baptist Church of El Nido, 4558 182nd street, since January 3 will continue the rest of this week through January 10. The services start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday Sermon

Reverend J. J. Walker of the First Christian Church will use as his topic January 10, "A Recipe for daily Christian living."

## 3 TEAMS PLAY AT EXCELSIOR

Monday, December 28, three teams from Avalon-Sepulveda Park traveled to Excelsior High School in Norwalk to play in the County Girl's Basketball Tournament. The three teams were the Midgets, Juniors and Seniors. Out of the three teams the Midgets made the best showing, but all teams played good games and were never out-shown on sportsmanship. The midgets won their first game from Sims' A team by a score of 14 to 13. Their second game was not so good with a loss of 19 to 14 to Sims' B team. The Juniors lost to Mountain View and the Seniors were barely beat out by Alondra 20-24. This was a single elimination tournament so after their first loss they were out.

Players on the midget team were: Audrey Weiteknecht, Lorna Kelly, Norma Arrington, Gaylon Sisco, Betty Gilman, and Sharon Acton. The Junior team consisted of: Marlene Payne, Barbara Scarborough, Roberta Scarborough, Judy Gain, Ann Hopper and Sharon London. The seniors were: Sandy Desmond, Jo-Ann Hutchinson, Sherry Felt, Sally Gilman, Beverly Opsahl, and Janet Johnson.

## Park Holds Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 2, a Pee-Wee-Midget Basketball Tournament was held at Avalon-Sepulveda Park. Twenty-two boys participated in this tournament. First, second, third and All Tournament teams were given ribbons.

First place was won by the following boys: Gene Luber, Larry Felt, Walt Wendell, Porter Hurt and Ernie Alexandria. Second team was: Bobby Maher, Bruce Gorton, Larry Nelson, Loren Dome, and Jim Bergman. Third place was taken by: Dickie Collins, Eugene Munson, Bob Waldron, Henry Gomez, and Bill Emerson. An All Tournament team was selected from the four teams playing in the tournament. The boys selected for this team are as follows: Larry Felt, Jim Hudson, Bob Waldron, Mike Wathen and Porter Hurt. Mike Wathen was picked from all the other boys as the Most Valuable Player.

High point man for a single game in the tournament was Bob Waldron with 19 points. Porter Hurt was high point man for the whole tournament with 23 points.

## LOMITA DEFEATS A-S PARK

The Avalon-Sepulveda Park Senior Girls' Basketball team traveled to Lomita for a practice game against the Lomita Girls, Wednesday, December 30. The local park came out on the short end of a 33-17 score. Both parks fought hard and the first half ended at 12-9 and then in the second half Lomita came back to win the game.

Girls from Avalon-Sepulveda



## ST. ANDREWS HOLDS DINNER

Saint Andrews Episcopal church, 1432 Engracia, will hold its annual parish meeting and dinner today, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and business to be discussed will include election of vestrymen, plans for 1954, and reports for 1953. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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## FINALISTS TO SING TONIGHT

The Harbor City Community Sing will start its elimination contest Friday, January 8, among the finalists who were contest winners during 1953. The elimination contest will be held at the Harbor City elementary school auditorium, 254th street and President avenue and will start at 7:30 p.m.

The final winner, who will be selected at the end of February, will compete with finalists from nine other Sings in Los Angeles County.

Among the prizes the winner will receive is a trophy and a professional appearance on TV. Friday night's performers are the following members of the Wilmington Youth Chorus: Sam Demonverte, tenor; Beverly Luxton, soloist; Beverly Luxton, Carol McCoy, and Carol Sandison, trio; and Joyce Goodner, soloist.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Sing. There is no admission charge. Herb Christ will direct the Sing, accompanied by Dorothy Searcy at the piano and Walt Fowler with his banjo.

**THE BELIEF** that youth is the happiest time of life is founded on a fallacy. The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts, and we grow happier as we grow older.—William Lyon Phelps.

park who played were: Karen Hull, Janet Johnson, Beverly Opsahl, Frances Mauser, Marlys Gasser, Barbara Cornelson and Jo Hunt.

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